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SUBJ: FRG-VENEZUELAN VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST
TERRORISM

REF: STATE 12247, BOGOTA 97(NOTAL)

1. FRG COUNSELOR STEINMANN, DURING VISIT WITH POL COUNSELOR
JAN 20, VOLUNTEERED INFO THAT THE FRG HAD BEEN VERY
INTERESTED IN THE CALL JAN 5 BY THE PRESIDENTS OF VENEZUELA
AND COLOMBIA FOR A SPECIAL ANTI-TERRORISM UNGA SESSION (BOGOTA
97) AND HAD ENCOURAGED THE GOV TO PRESS THE ISSUE. STEINMANN
EXPLAINED THAT FONMIN GENSCHER, AS AN EX-INTERIOR MINISTER, IS
KEENLY AWARE OF THE PROBLEM OF TERRORISM AND IS ANXIOUS TO
PRESENT TO THE GERMAN ELECTORATE BEFORE NEXT OCTOBER'S ELECTIONS
EVIDENCE THAT THE FRG HAS "DONE SOMETHING" ABOUT TERRORISM.

2. STEINMANN SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
HERE A FEW DAYS AGO THAT IT CONSIDERS THE INITIATIVE OF THE VENEZUELAN

AND COLOMBIAN PRESIDENTS "DEAD", BUT THAT THE GOV WOULD SUPPORT
AN EFFORT AT THE 31ST UNGA. STEINMANN SAID THAT GENSCHER IS

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ANXIOUS TO TAKE SOME SORT OF PUBLICIZED ANTI-TERRORISM

INITIATIVE WELL BEFORE THE FRG ELECTIONS, AND WANTS SUPPORT FROM VENEZUELA AS AN OPEC COUNTRY, BUT THAT THE GERMAN EMBASSY HERE HAD RECOMMENDED TO GENSCHER THAT HE DELAY HIS INITIATIVE FOR A WHILE IN ORDER NOT TO UPSTAGE THE VENEZUELA-COLOMBIAN INITIATIVE AND THUS JEOPARDIZE GOV SUPPORT.

3. IN THANKING STEINMANN FOR THIS INFO POL COUNSELOR DREW ON PARA 3 OF STATE 12247 TO CONVEY TO HIM US POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST TERRORISM.
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